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(54) Devices and methods for detecting multiple analytes in samples

(57) The invention features devices that each consist of a tube containing a linear array of specific binding elements that each have capture probes specific for a

target analyte linked thereto. The devices of the invention can be used in methods for detecting target analytes in samples.

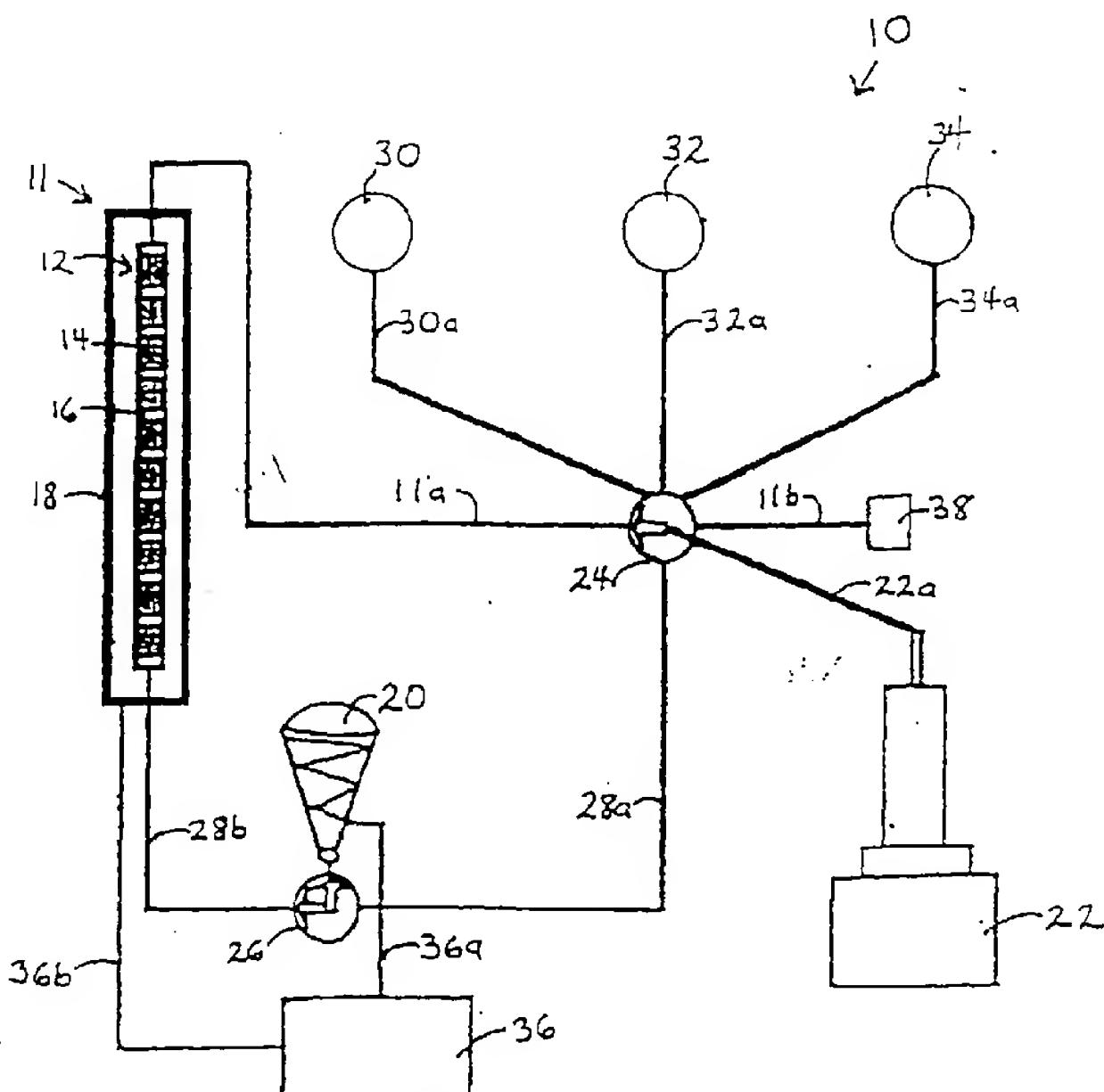


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